

Resolution No. 2011-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING
CAROLE A. PATERSON, DIRECTOR AND 4-H YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR FOR U.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
IN SOLANO COUNTY, UPON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Carole A. Paterson, Director and 4-H Youth and Community Development Advisor for U.C. Cooperative Extension in Solano County is retiring on June 30th after 36 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson has been a lifelong resident and advocate of Solano County; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson began her career in 1975 as the first 4-H Staff Assistant for the Solano County 4-H Youth Development Program; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson continued her career in Solano County, following her academic appointment as 4-H Youth Development Advisor for the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources with Cooperative Extension, and was elevated to be County Director and Department Head in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson consistently brought funding and program resources into Solano County by organizing projects focused on increasing healthy lifestyles for children, youth and families associated with 4-H, and by creating and teaching workshops related to leadership development and community development for young people in county, state and national settings; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson conducted applied research on issues affecting young peoples' learning, development and capacities, especially adolescents, in areas such as workforce preparation, science education, and civic governance, and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson demonstrated leadership and dedicated service in organizations focused on increasing the quality of life for all Solano County citizens, like COMMIT, a tobacco cessation effort, TOKEN, a youth-led health care project in Vallejo, Children's Network, and Fighting Back to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson facilitated the coordination efforts of the Agricultural Futures Study for Solano County conducted by the U.C. Davis Agricultural Issues Center, and the deliberative efforts of the Delta water policy study conducted by U.C. Cooperative Extension colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson inspired and led citizens in Solano County and the State of California into a greater appreciation of and an active participation in a wide range of public engagement efforts, particularly through National Issues Forums, served as Director of the U.C. Davis Extension Public Policy Institute in teaching deliberative skills, and encouraged research and action in local, state and national projects to make our democracy work better; and

WHEREAS, Director Paterson practiced small- and large-group facilitation with local, state, national and international organizations, like Suisun Valley Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Solano Community College Foundation, Solano Land Trust, National Association of Integrated Pest Management, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and Solano County Department Heads to name a few, and encouraged and taught others in these skills as a certified facilitation trainer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby acknowledges and thanks Carole A. Paterson for her outstanding service and dedication to the residents of Solano County and wishes her the best in her retirement and future endeavors.

Dated this 14th Day of June, 2011

MICHAEL J. REAGAN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk